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Hi Steve.

As the School Board member who has served on the Malibu Schools' Environmental Task Force and who has been the most deeply involved in the situation at Malibu High School, I want to strongly urge the EPA to issue the written statement which we had understood was to be released yesterday afternoon following the "tour" of the site yesterday.

I was in attendance at the "tour" and quite honestly, I am still trying to come up with a plausible explanation for what the EPA was a party to and/or actually led yesterday.

As you are well aware, our Superintendent and the School Board is, and always has been, committed to ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff when they attend Malibu High School, and for that matter, all of our schools. I know I don't need to spell out all the steps that have been taken which have led to where we are presently, since you are as aware of them as anyone.

I have not contacted you or Patrick or anyone else at the EPA, DTSC or DPH directly prior to this, because I did not feel it was necessary. I do, however, plan to call you next week. I feel strongly that the EPA needs to assert itself in this situation, by helping to communicate the facts and the science, as well as its confidence in the good faith of the SMMUSD in taking the steps necessary to ensure the health and safety of our school campuses.

The EPA has credibility and legitimacy for good reason; all I ask is that the EPA use its position, knowledge and resources in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,

Laurie Lieberman
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